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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6683

BILL NUMBER: HB 1215

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 11, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Ruppel

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

(A) The bill requires the display of a United States flag in each classroom of a school corporation.

(B) The bill allows a school corporation to provide a daily opportunity for students to voluntarily recite the Pledge of Allegiance, with an exemption for those students who choose (or whose parents choose for them) not to participate in the pledge.

(C) The bill allows a school corporation to establish the daily observance of a 30 second period of silence in each classroom. The bill repeals a current law allowing an optional brief period of silent prayer or meditation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* School corporations would be required to purchase enough United States flags to be displayed in each classroom of a school. Any additional expenditure would depend on whether a school corporation currently has sufficient flags to comply with the requirement of the bill.

Background: There are currently 293 school corporations in Indiana, with approximately 2,000 public

schools.

Based on a small sample of flag retailers, American flags can be purchased for prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$19.50 each, depending upon flag size, material construction, and order quantities.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations.

Information Sources: Anyflag.com; Tidmoreflags.com; Martin's Flag Company; CVS Systems Inc.

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